

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Eugenio Cruz Garcia et al.	Confirmation No.: 5656
Appl. No.:	10/689,510	Examiner: Jeanette E. Chapman
Filing Date:	February 27, 2003	Art Unit: 3633
Title:	FLOORING SYSTEM HAVING SUB-PANELS WITH COMPLEMENTARY EDGE PATTERNS	

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 26, 2011, Applicants herewith file a Terminal Disclaimer along with the Terminal Disclaimer fee.

In the Office Action, the only rejection is the rejection of claims 1-62 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 7,836,648 and 7,836,649 ("the '648 and '649 patents"). While Applicants do not necessarily agree that the claims of the present application and the '648 and '649 patents are patentably indistinct, Applicants file the present Terminal Disclaimer to advance prosecution.


Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 312-3366 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark

Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 22-0259. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 22-0259.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 25, 2011

By 
Rebecca G. Rudich
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No.: 41,786

VEDDER PRICE P.C.
1401 I Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
Telephone: (202) 312-3320
Facsimile: (202) 312-3322
CUSTOMER NO: 88944